GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Krishi Mela
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently Krishi/Kisan Mela has been organised by the Central Institute for Medical and Aromatic plants of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the farmers fairs conducted in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to organize such events periodically to provide information to the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Yes, Madam. Recently CSIR-Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP) has organized two Kisan Melas one at CIMAP head quarter Lucknow on 31st January − 2016. The another kisan mela was organized at CIMAP research Center at Pantnagar, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand on 6th February − 2016.

(b) & (c): The details of fairs organized by CSIR are placed at Annexure-I. The details of the Farmers Fairs conducted during the last 03 years & current year under ATMA/ICAR is given at Annexure-II.

In addition to this Government of India sponsored Regional Agricultural Fairs/ National fair were organized in Haryana, Jharkhand & M.P. during 2012-13, Odisha, Rajasthan, Kerala, Manipur & Maharashtra during 2013-14, U.P., Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, & Meghalaya during 2014-15 and Andhra Pradesh & Mizoram during 2015-16.

(d): Various steps have been taken by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare for organising farmers fairs across the country under different schemes being implemented by the ministry. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare provides financial as well as technical support to the state government /State Agriculture Universities/ ICAR institutes including other organisations working in agriculture and allied sectors for organizing such events.

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Under the National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology (NAMET) various schemes like Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms (ATMA) through State Government, National/ Regional fairs are being provided financial support to organize the such events. Besides, various farmers' fairs are also being organized by ICAR institutes to disseminate information and technologies. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare supporting State Government under ATMA Scheme to organize farmer fairs at district level with financial support of Rs. 4.00 lakh and Rs.6.00 lakh at State level. Regional Agricultural Fairs are financially supported with a maximum of Rs. 15.00 lakh by the ministry. Besides, ministry also participates in the India International Trade Fair (IITF), New Delhi and 6-8 Adhoc fairs related to agriculture and allied sectors across the country organized by various agencies. ICAR also organize Kisan Melas/ Farmers Fairs through ICAR institutes/ KVKs across the country. Central Institute for Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CSIR-CIMAP) has organized 4 kisan melas during last three years including current year as detailed at Anneuxre-I.